## Strategic Plan Update (10/19/09)

Below is input received from the Strategic Planning teams since their initial meetings on 9/15. Updates will be provided as information changes.

**Mission:** The State Board and Department of Education provide support and leadership in the transformation of the Vermont education system in order to give each learner the opportunity to succeed in the 21st century.

**Vision:** The education system:

- provides each learner with the knowledge and skills necessary for success in college, continuing education, careers and citizenship;
- responds to the needs and interests of learners;
- provides flexible learning environments rich with 21st century tools that promote self development, academic achievement and active engagement in learning;
- is a learner centered system that operates within a framework of high expectations for learning with support from educators, families and community.

Current Goal wording	Revised DRAFT Goal wording	DRAFT Objectives (following first set of meetings)	Meetings
Goal I: Promote high-quality,	Goal I: Establish high-quality,	Current DRAFT Language	9/15/09
innovative instruction to improve	research-based teaching and	Obj. #1: By 2011, the Department of Education	9/23/09
achievement for all students.	learning practices to continually	will construct cohesive, shared frameworks for	10/6/09
	improve achievement for all	research-based, student centered teaching and	
	learners.	learning.	Next conversation:: 10/27/09
		<b>Obj. #2:</b> By 2014, 25% of Vermont schools will	
		implement and evaluate research-based, student	
		centered frameworks to continually improve	Troy McAllister
		achievement for all learners.	Pat Fitzsimmons
			Lindsay Simpson
		<b>Obj. #3:</b> By 2012, 50% of Vermont schools will	Stephan Morse
		use data to inform programmatic decisions.	Robert Kelley
		<b>Obj. #4:</b> By 2012, the Department of Education,	
		State Board of Education and Vermont	
		Standards Board for Professional Educators will	
		develop a continuum of career-long educator	
		development that is responsive to the needs of	
		students.	
		<b>Obj. #5:</b> By 2012, the Department of Education	
		will revise state grade expectations to	

		incorporate knowledge and skill demands of college/career/citizenship in a global and technological world. <b>Obj. #6:</b> By 2014, educational leaders in 80% of schools will identify and implement systems of transformational practices that support students entering the 21 <sup>st</sup> century workforce.	
Goal II: Provide and promote high-quality, transformative educational leadership.	Goal II: Provide and promote high- quality, transformative educational leadership.	Current DRAFT Language: Obj. #1: Develop a foundation of common standards for transformative educational leadership that will underlie all phases of a leader's career (i.e., preparation, mentoring, supervision/evaluation, coaching) (Promote)  Obj. #2: Develop a process for identifying individuals with the potential to be transformative educational leaders and encouraging them to pursue leadership roles (Provide)	9/15/09  Next conversation: 10/27/09  Anne Bordonaro Tina Muncy Carol Duley Fayneese Miller Alex Melville
		<b>Obj. #3:</b> Ensure that good leadership practices are followed in all Vermont schools (gets at things like doing regular evaluations as required, using a protocol and trained observer, providing formative as well as summative feedback, etc. that we discussed)(Provide and promote)	
Goal III: Provide each student the opportunity to learn in a safe and positive learning environment.	Goal III: Ensure a safe and flexible learning environment that supports a positive climate	Current DRAFT Language:  Obj. #1: By the year 2012, all school systems will have established policies and implemented procedures that result in safer learning environments for all students and staff.  Obj. #2: By 2012, increased learning is	9/15/09 9/25/09 9/30/09 10/12/09 Next conversation: 10/27/09
		taking place because there are a range of environments provided for learners that allow	Kate O'Neill

		for differences in style, interest, abilities and engagement. <b>Obj. #3:</b> By 2012, all school systems will have developed a sustainable and systemwide positive climate that cultivates social and academic success.	Kate Larose Kathy Larsen Judy Livingston
Goal IV: Build consensus with local, statewide and national partners to ensure a unified Transformation effort.	Goal IV: Local, regional, and state partners will collectively understand and endorse the vision, goals and policy of the Transformation effort and actively contribute to its implementation.	Current DRAFT Language: Obj. #1 (Message Branding): By year-end, 2009, create and agree upon a compelling summary of educational transformation that can be confined to a single paragraph and/or delivered in 30 seconds  Obj. #2 (Communications Process): By year-end 2010, develop and implement a comprehensive communications plan that will raise awareness among key stakeholder groups of the need to transform Vermont's educational system, and of the essential elements and benefits of transformation.  Obj. #3 (Community Activism): By the end of 2012, all Vermont communities, including local businesses, employers, clubs, civic organizations, etc., will actively engage in creating demand for educational Transformation within their region.  Obj. #4 (System Achievement Agreement) — placeholder: By the end of 2010, there is agreement among Vermont communities, secondary education staff and faculty, employers, labor, and colleges of student outcome goals as a result of the Transformation.	9/15/09 9/22/09 10/7/09 10/13/09  Next conversation: 10/27/09  Bruce Smith Dave Phillips Doug Webster Jill Remick Carol King Brian Vachon John Hall
Goal V: Implement statewide policies that align educational opportunities with a transformed system	Goal V: Establish a coherent state and local policy structure that promotes the educational practices and student outcomes demonstrated	Current DRAFT Language: Obj. # 1: By 2012, establish policy to enable educators (teachers and leaders) to be qualified and effective in using transformational	9/15/09 9/23/09 Next conversation:

in research as essential for student success in the 21 <sup>st</sup> century.	practices. (This could incorporate such policy areas as educator licensing, professional development, and 21 <sup>st</sup> century teaching & learning practices).	10/27/09
	<b>Obj. #2</b> : By 2012, establish policy to align VT learning expectations and assessments with knowledge and skill demands essential for success in college, careers, and citizenship in a global and technological world. (This could incorporate such policy areas as revising the VT Framework, proficiency based grading/graduation, and college/career readiness).	Kay Charron Tom Alderman Susan Hayes Don Collins Ruth Stokes
	<b>Obj. #3</b> : By 2013, establish policy create an education quality system that measures and audits education outcomes and practices at both the district and school level. (This could incorporate such policy areas as adopting education quality standards, creation of an education quality consortium, and quality audits.)	
	<b>Obj. #4:</b> By 2012, establish policy to structure districts so they can substantially improve education quality, expand learning options for learners, and increase education equity across gender and socioeconomic cohorts.	
	<b>Obj. #5:</b> By 2012, establish policy to charge and monitor districts and schools on e implementation of transformative practices.	
	(This is an attempt to move transformation from a good idea discussion to a public policy directive that all schools will act on).	